GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:145
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VACCINE FOR RABIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died of rabies in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether a premier institute of the country has developed a new vaccine for rabies recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

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As per data available from the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), deaths reported in the country due to rabies are 483 in 1999, 412 in 2000 and 407 in 2001.

Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor has developed a tissue Culture Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) recently.This vaccine has been cleared by the Drug Controller General of India, but is yet to be put into full commercial production.The total capacity at present is only 50,000 doses and total supply made last year was 12,000 doses. During the year 2002-2003, it is proposed to increase the production of Tissue Culture Anti-Rabies Vaccine in the Institute.